

In Loving Memory  
of  
Ruth Lorraine Talley



Memorial Service

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1995  
5:00 P.M.

RICHMOND MEMORIAL  
CONVENTION CENTER  
Richmond, California

*Officiating*  
Reverend O. Bernstine, Pastor  
New St. James Missionary Baptist Church



## Ruth Lorraine Talley

In the prime of her life, Ruth Lorraine Talley was abruptly and tragically taken from her loved ones and friends. Always an optimist, Lorraine, was a unique and special person who struggled to juggle her life as a single parent, full time public servant and a full-time student.

Ruth Lorraine was born on December 16, 1948 in St. Louis, Missouri to Leo and Gladys Luckett. The family moved to Richmond in 1954 where Lorraine accepted Christ at an early age. She attended Peres, Roosevelt Jr. High and the former Harry Ells High School in Richmond.

After high school, Lorraine attended the San Francisco Academy of Stenographic Arts where she graduated as a Certified Court Reporter. Her early employment history began with Bank of America and the Peralta College District. Lorraine began employment with the Housing Authority of the City of Richmond in 1974 as a Steno-Clerk. She received several promotions there. Her last position was as an Associate Administrative Analyst responsible for managing the Public Housing Leasing and Occupancy function as well as managing other special projects which included housing units constructed by West County Housing Corporation, the non-profit created by the Housing Authority, making it possible for low income families to achieve homeownership.

Although Lorraine chose marriage and a family over continuation of her education after high school, she never had any regrets. However, when she decided to pursue a college education, she did it with her usual determination, focus and style. Lorraine was a serious student who approached her courses with fervor and enthusiasm. She received her AA degree from Contra Costa Community College in 1993. At her untimely death, she was a near "A" student at California State University, Hayward. She told her closest friends that she was pursuing a college education for herself and her mother. She often joked that after she obtained her BA, she would complete her Master's Degree and then she would retire from the Richmond Housing Authority.

Preceded in death by her father, Leo and her stepfather, Riley Dean, Ruth Lorraine leaves to mourn: her mother, Gladys Dean; two daughter's, Tenisha and Nakia Talley; one son, Kajari Burns, all of Richmond; two step daughter's, Tammi Talley Plummer of Richmond and Kelli Talley-Williams of Plano, Texas; one grand daughter, Tiana Kelly; a special friend, Maurice Mims; a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, other relatives and a multitude of friends.

## Order of Memorial Service

### RUTH LORRAINE TALLEY

PROCESSIONAL.....

SCRIPTURE.....Rev. O. Bernstine

PRAYER.....Rev. O. Bernstine

SOLO.....Ester Light

DIRECTED EXPRESSIONS.....

OBITUARY.....Brenda Lyles

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CARDS

& TELEGRAMS.....Brenda Lyles

SOLO.....Tammi Talley-Plummer

EULOGY.....Rev. O. Bernstine

RECESSIONAL.....

Interment  
PRIVATE



## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I've savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.*

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Family of Ruth Lorraine Talley, wishes to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to all, for deeds of kindness during their hours of bereavement and for your attendance at the funeral service.

***Final arrangements entrusted to:***

*Wilson & Kratzer* **MORTUARIES**

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